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## ***Charity Hockey Game Between JCPD and New Jersey Devils Alumni to be Held at Prudential Center Game to be Held in Honor of Fallen Jersey City Det. Marc DiNardo***

**JERSEY CITY – Mayor Jerramiah T. Healy, members of the Municipal Council, New Jersey Devils Alumni Ken Daneyko and members of the Jersey City Police Department will hold a 10:30 a.m. press conference to announce the Marc DiNardo Memorial Hockey Game on Wednesday, Dec. 9, 2009 at Police Headquarters, 8 Erie Street.**

“I am happy to see the outpouring of support for the family of Marc DiNardo and the efforts to keep his memory alive,” said **Mayor Healy**. “Marc was a hero whose life was lost while protecting others and it is only fitting that he be honored and memorialized through a sport that he loved.”

The benefit hockey game will see the **Jersey City Police Hockey Team** take on a team of **New Jersey Devils Alumni** in a **3:00 p.m.** match-up at **Newark’s Prudential Center** on **December 13, 2009**.

Detective DiNardo was shot while trying to apprehend two suspects holed up in an apartment on July 16, 2009 and died five days later at the Jersey City Medical Center. He was a lifelong resident of Jersey City and was a 10 year veteran of the Jersey City Police Department, serving on the elite Emergency Services Unit. He was also a lifelong hockey fan, who played hockey for the Hudson Catholic Hawk Hockey Team.

“Prudential Center is honored to celebrate Detective Dinardo and his love for the sport of hockey,” said **Jeff Vanderbeek, Chairman and Managing Partner of the New Jersey Devils**. “We greatly respect his service to protect Jersey City residents and want to help create a lasting memorial to his heroism.”

This will serve as the inaugural game for the Jersey City Police Department Hockey team, made up largely of Jersey City Police Officers. They will take on members of the Devils Alumni Association, including Bruce Driver, Ken Daneyko, Rob Skrlac, and Grant Marshall. Tickets to the event are \$20.00 and will benefit the Marc Dinardo Memorial Fund.

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“Initially, I started the game simply to memorialize Marc in a manner that befitted him. He was not a golfer, he was not a softball player, he was a hockey player,” said **Sergeant Scott McNulty of the Jersey City Police Department**, a close friend of DiNardo’s. “I was also trying to create a lasting memory for Marc’s children that showed how much their father was loved, respected and admired.”

The New Jersey Devils have also offered a group rate to supporters of The Marc DiNardo Memorial Fund for the December 18<sup>th</sup> game vs. the Ottawa Senators, with a portion of the ticket sales directly benefitting the Fund.

“This is one of the most meaningful games our Devils alumni have been a part of,” said **Devils alumni Ken Daneyko, a 3-time Stanley Cup Champion**. “We are honored to be a part of such a significant game and look forward to taking the ice in Detective DiNardo’s memory

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